

### **REMARKS**

Claims 1-38 are presently pending. Claims 1 and 10 have been amended. Claims 3, 14-20, and 27-34 have been cancelled. Claims 39-42 have been added. Upon entry of these amendments, claims 1-2, 4-13, 21-26, and 35-42 remain pending in this application.

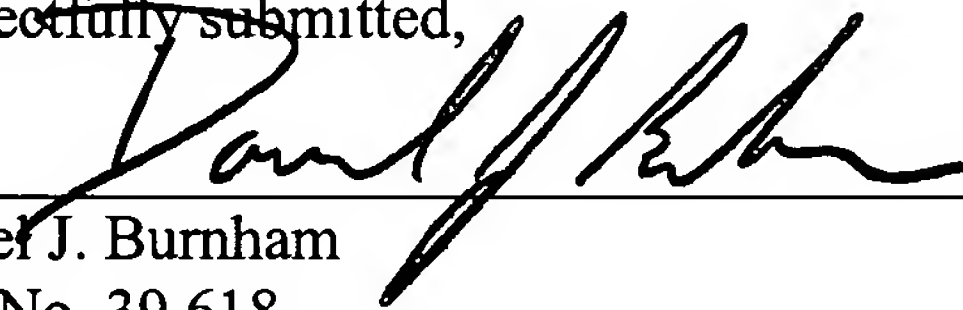
### **Conclusion**

The Applicants believe that the claims are in a condition for allowance and action toward that end is earnestly solicited.

If there are any matters which may be resolved or clarified through a telephone interview, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the Applicants' undersigned attorney at the number indicated.

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Respectfully submitted,



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